

To : Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From : Gerry Hyland, Supervisor
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Subject: **BOARD MATTERS for September 9, 2014**

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For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

- 1. Request to Recognize the Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee**
- 2. Request for Expedited, Concurrent Site Plan Processing and a Fee Waiver for SE 2014-MV-041, Northern Virginia Radio Control Club**
- 3. MVCCA Resolution to Restore and Increase Funding for the Environmental Improvement Program**
- 4. Joint Board Matter with Supervisor McKay to Request that the Virginia Department of Transportation Permit the Installation of a Memorial Monument at Jeff Todd Way**
- 5. Request for the Office of Elections to Provide Enhanced Outreach for Voter Registration and Photographic Identification**
- 6. Commending the Virginia Department of Transportation for Striping and Repaving Sherwood Hall Lane**
- 7. Request to Recognize the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services for Sixteen Years of Platinum Peak Performance Awards at the Noman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant**

Request to Recognize the Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee

Background

Fairfax County Board approved a master development agreement on July 29, 2014 as one of the final steps required in transforming the former Lorton prison into a mixed-use community. This action means that the project moves forward toward construction. Under the legal and financial agreement with the County, The Alexander Company and Elm Street will redevelop the 80-acre Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area. The plan calls for preserving and reusing former prison buildings while providing up to:

- 412 market-rate residential units, including up to 225 apartments in former prison dorms and workshops, 157 new townhomes, six condos and 24 new single-family homes
- 110,000 square feet of retail and office space
- 20,000 square feet in civic or community space
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As with any marathon planning effort, the end is not usually in sight. The Board of Supervisors approved the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area Master Plan in 2010, after a two-year master planning effort. In 1991, during Phase II of the Planning Horizons process, the Board adopted language, which encouraged the relocation of the D.C. Department of Corrections operations and redevelopment of the property. The text read, “The Concept recommends that the federal government develop or redevelop these areas only when plans are coordinated with the County and consistent with the County goals and the Comprehensive Plan. ... If, in the future, the D.C. Department of Corrections facility is relocated and the site is available for redevelopment, a citizens’ task force with representation from the adjacent community should be established to work with the County to study alternative uses for this site... Development or redevelopment of the site should provide a planned mixed-use residential, education, employment, recreational community with a variety of housing and employment opportunities, with sufficient off-site transportation improvements.”

On February 13, 1995, the Board of Supervisors established the Lower Potomac Land Use Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and authorized the CAC and County staff to study the then D.C. Department of Corrections Property and make recommendations for future development potential should Congressional action authorize closure of this facility. The Board of Supervisors ultimately established a third citizen’s advisory committee on March 10, 2003, giving it responsibility for guiding the master planning of the areas identified in the 1999 Plan as appropriate for reuse: the Occoquan Workhouse and the Central Facility (specifically the Reformatory and Penitentiary). This committee, known as the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizens Advisory Committee, was represented by each magisterial district in the County. On December 6, 2004, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept their recommendations and made further motions on both December 6, 2004 and February 7, 2005 to facilitate implementation of these recommendations. These recommendations were adopted into the Comprehensive Plan in 2006. The Master Plan was incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan in 2012.

Included in the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizen Advisory Task Force recommendations to the Board was to create a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) consisting of three members representing Fairfax County. The Board subsequently appointed Tim Sargeant as its Chair as well as Robert Cosgriff and Douglas Wrenn. They were involved in every step of this replanning and redevelopment process beginning in 2003 until the Board approved a master development agreement on July 29, 2014. The purpose of the PAC was to monitor the development of this site to ensure that the development process was objective and transparent to all County residents and that it would be implemented in accordance with all relevant documents.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to invite Tim Sargeant, Robert Cosgriff and Douglas Wrenn to come before the Board to be recognized for the many years of hard work and committed service to this project that will benefit the community of Lorton but to all of Fairfax County.

Request for Expedited, Concurrent Site Plan Processing and a Fee Waiver for SE 2014-MV-041, Northern Virginia Radio Control Club

Background

The Northern Virginia Radio Control Club (NVRC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, based out of Chantilly, whose members have organized to foster the interchange of information and to enjoy and further their skills in building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. NVRC has a pending special exception application in process, which proposes to establish a radio control aircraft air park on the I-95 landfill in Lorton. During the staff review, it was determined that a minor site plan will be needed. However, fees associated with the processing of a site plan are a financial challenge for this organization. The South County Federation supports this application and staff from the Solid Waste Management Program has been working with the applicant for a number of years to assist in establishing a radio control air park on the landfill. NVRC has asked for expedited processing, concurrent site plan processing, and a waiver of the fees associated with the submission of a site plan.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I move that the Board:

- Authorize expedited processing for SE 2014-MV-041;
- Authorize the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to concurrently process the site plan associated with this pending application; and
- Authorize the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to waive the fees associated with the site plan.

Please note that this motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on the application by the Board and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, adopted standards, or proffers. This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the application

MVCCA Resolution to Restore and Increase Funding for the Environmental Improvement Program

Background

Recently, the Mount Vernon Council passed a resolution requesting that the Board of Supervisors restore funding for the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) during our end of year carryover. The resolution states that the EIP includes the successful Invasive Management Area program and a number of projects that will have an immediate positive impact on our environment in Fairfax County. If funds are not available during our carryover review, the resolution asks that the Board of Supervisors consider EIP funding as we begin to think about the next fiscal year budget. The FY 2015 EIP is \$535,000.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors share the attached resolution with the Fairfax County Executive and our Department of Management and Budget Senior Staff.

Enclosure (1)

Joint Board Matter with Supervisor McKay to Request that the Virginia Department of Transportation Permit the Installation of a Memorial Monument at Jeff Todd Way

Background

On August 25th, we, along with our fellow elected officials Congressman Moran, State Senators Toddy Puller, Adam Ebbin and Delegates Sickles, Surovell and Albo had the honor of dedicating Jeff Todd Way, the new four lane connector road between Richmond Highway and Telegraph Road. This is a game changer for our economic development in the Lee and Mount Vernon Districts. At the dedication, a Jay Spiegel approached us to request assistance in getting approvals for friends of Jeff to install a memorial monument. Two members of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, Becky Todd, Jeff's widow, and Michael Gailliot would like to provide a boulder and plaque at an appropriate location along the roadway, the preferred location being the northwest intersection of Jeff Todd Way and Richmond Highway across from the Roy Rogers. Other chamber members have stated they would provide plantings and benches in the area. The costs for the materials and installation would be borne by private individuals.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I move that the Board communicate the Board of Supervisor's support for this monument and direct the Department of Transportation to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration on the procedures and permits to make this a reality.

Request for the Office of Elections to Provide Enhanced Outreach for Voter Registration and Photographic Identification

Background

Several constituents have expressed concerns to me about Virginia's new photographic identification requirements in order to cast a ballot in the November election. The residents asked if Fairfax County could create a mobile photo id/voter registration solution that could visit senior centers, retirement homes, nursing homes, shelters and other locations whose residents may not have access to transportation to attend the currently scheduled election demo locations, which is ongoing in over seventy locations throughout the months of September and October.

I inquired into the Office of Elections and was informed that the State Department of Elections, now rebranded ELECT, requires live access to the state's database for immediate registration, which necessitates the Department of Technology to route virtual private networks at our county facilities. Staff is also able to connect via Wifi or can store the information on laptops for later processing. My hope, as well as that of my colleagues, is that everyone who can legally vote, and wants to vote, is able to vote in all our elections.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors refer this request to the Office of Elections for their response.

Commending the Virginia Department of Transportation for Striping and Repaving Sherwood Hall Lane

Background

This summer the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) repaved and striped Sherwood Hall Lane between Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road. The roadway has been fraught with speeding and illegal passing problems since it was widened. In order to correct this unsafe condition, the Fairfax County's Department of Transportation and VDOT proposed to eliminate street parking, put in turn lanes and bike lanes. After extensive public outreach with local communities, notably Gum Springs, Sherwood Estates, Hollin Hills and other communities along the roadway, they took the concerns and repaved the roadway to retain street parking as well as install turn and bike lanes. These engineering solutions, coupled with a tough enforcement campaign, have gone a long way to make the road safer. The bicycle community has written several letters to the editor in local papers overjoyed with the new bike lanes. To our staff and staff in VDOT, particularly Randy Dittberner and Lauren Mollerup, I just want to say thank you and job well done!

**Request to Recognize the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
for Sixteen Years of Platinum Peak Performance Awards at the Noman M. Cole, Jr.
Pollution Control Plant**

Background

It is September, and that means kids are back to school, the Board is in session and the Noman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant has won yet another Platinum Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. This year marks the sixteenth year in a row Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has attained such a distinction. Many of local government's actions go unnoticed and are oft taken for granted. However, if your water did not flow, your toilets did not flush or the trash was not picked up it would have an immediate negative impact on your life. The dedicated workers at the Noman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant serve in that silent service even more essential than espionage.

The plant is the largest advanced wastewater treatment facility in Virginia and helps protect the water quality of our watersheds. The plant treats almost half of Fairfax County's 100 million gallons of wastewater per day and operates all day every day of the year. It takes a true team effort to pull this off. To do it for sixteen years is nothing short of remarkable.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I move that the Board direct the Office of Public Affairs to invite the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the staff of the Noman M. Cole, Jr. plant to come before the Board to be recognized for their efforts.